

**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2013**

A Regular Meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board was held on Monday, October 14, 2013 in the Commission Chambers Kitchen, 2345 Providence Boulevard, Deltona, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Mrs. Bernice Ludvick, Chairperson.

2. ROLL CALL:

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| Board Member | Bernice Ludvick | Present |
| Board Member | Susan Armon | Excused |
| Board Member | Julio DeLeon | Present |
| Board Member | James W. Ruth | Excused |
| Board Member | Kay Gardner | Present |
| Board Member | Nathan Johnson | Present |
| Board Member | Lonnie Wilson | Present |

Also present: Steve Moore, Director, Parks and Recreation and Marlene Brown, Board Secretary.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes:

1. Meeting – April 8, 2013

Motion by Lonnie Wilson, seconded by Nathan Johnson to adopt the minutes of the Regular Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Meeting of April 8, 2013 as written. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The members were given copies of the following flyers: FlowMobile, Halloween Spooktacular and the Arts & Crafts Festival.

To bring the members up to date on events that have taken place in the department with the other boards, they were given copies of the following: The educational pamphlet on disabled parking that was done by the Citizen Accessibility Advisory Sub-Committee; a copy of the Daytona Beach News Journal article on August 1, 2013 regarding the Senior Breakfast that was held on July 27th; a copy of the Daytona Beach News Journal article dated October 3rd regarding the Teen Game Day and the Quarterly Report for the period July to September 2013 which also covered these items.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

1 Lisa Nadeau was present to observe only, and had no comments at this time.

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3 **6. OLD BUSINESS:**

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5 **A.** There was no old business.

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7 **7. NEW BUSINESS:**

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9 **A. Information/Updates – Steve Moore:**

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11 Mr. Moore advised that his department had been working on some projects for the last few months
12 and he wanted to bring them up to date.

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14 **City Hall/Daytona State College:** He told the members that the City had been in discussions
15 with Daytona State College (DSC) regarding the possibility of putting in a playing field at the end
16 of the City's parking lot. He had photos that he used as visuals to explain it to the members. He
17 said it could possibly be used by the college for PE classes as well as by City Hall to take some of
18 the pressure off Dewey Boster and some of our other parks. Mr. Moore added that after a period
19 of time they could possibly move that into something more elaborate. He stated that DSC had
20 already approved the concept and the City would begin the process. He showed the members some
21 pictures of stadiums that he said over time that would be something the City might want to discuss
22 with DSC to see if the field could evolve into that in the future. He said no lights would be put in
23 at this time, but the main reason we wanted to do this now was to take advantage of the parking
24 which would give us about 524 spaces between the two (2) buildings. He indicated that the DSC
25 Board of Directors had liked this concept and the City could work with it through the budget
26 process but said nothing would happen until we got the approval from the City Commission and a
27 joint meeting with the DSC Board of Directors in order to move forward with this as a partnership.

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29 Mrs. Ludvick asked if the land was owned by the State. Mr. Moore explained that the State had
30 given the college the opportunity to develop the property. He said there was 100 acres and the
31 City had been given the opportunity to lease the land for a period of time and the City built the
32 building. The college had gotten the land because it was determined that it was going to be an
33 educational complex. Mrs. Ludvick asked if the college had the option to "push" the City out. Mr.
34 Moore said they had asked if the City would sell but no, the City did not wish to do so.

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36 **Dewey Boster Sports Complex:** Mr. Moore also used a visual to explain the layout at Dewey
37 Boster and show them some plans that are proposed for that complex. He pointed out existing
38 structures such as the stage, concession stand and maintenance buildings. He explained to the
39 members that his department was looking to add 184 spaces, grass parking instead of paved
40 parking without lights at this time, to be used as a potential practice area with the plan to upgrade
41 the field to a tournament field. He spoke about Field 5 which was different from any of the other
42 6 fields and explained why it was different. He said there were 64 lights on the 4 posts while the
43 other fields have only 30 lights and the football field has 40 lights. That field would be upgraded
44 to a multi-purpose field for soccer and football, adding bleachers on both sides with the potential
45 for a locker room. He said the total overall cost would be \$264,000 with seating for 1500 people
46 with exits, while utilizing the restrooms and leaving room to get in to maintain our equipment. He
47 said it was presented to the City Commission in a Workshop, but they requested more information

1 about adding the locker underneath the bleachers which increased the actual cost but also changed
2 the concept.

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4 **Dupont Lakes:** Mr. Moore advised that the City had an interested buyer for Dupont Lakes Park
5 although no signed contract was in place. He said we would take the money from the sale of the
6 Dupont property and construct what is there on another piece of property that is about 128 acres. He
7 said we had a 250 ft. field which backs up to Wendy's and a 300 ft. field on the other end. We would
8 develop approximately 20 acres (shown on a map he had) with 558 parking spaces after clearing the
9 land and mitigating gopher tortoises which would be expensive. That would have to be presented to
10 the Commission. Mr. Moore indicated that they had seen the plan and they liked it. It would include
11 trails all the way around, a community center, a gymnasium, playground, splash pad, practice fields,
12 the possibility of a stadium, parking to support all of that and leaving a buffer as it is in a
13 neighborhood and behind Discovery Elementary School. The Waste Water Treatment Plant would
14 also be on one portion of the property and construction of that has already started. He did say it will
15 take time and it will be a phased project. He said \$1million would come from the sale of Dupont
16 Lakes to build the two (2) fields with lights.

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18 **Capital Projects:** Mr. Moore then told the members that his department's budget had been
19 approved and that there were several capital projects that had been approved such as new fencing
20 at Wes Crile similar to the aluminum picket fence at Harris Saxon; installing a new playground at
21 Manny Rodriguez by the end of the year, at a cost of about \$60,000 after Commission approval; a
22 new playground at Dwight Hawkins at a cost of about \$70,000; two (2) basketball courts to be re-
23 surfaced at Keysville and the Skate Park respectively; new air conditioning at Wes Crile as the
24 current one is 25 years old; a new clam truck, a new mower, a new trailer and two (2) new pick-up
25 trucks.

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27 **Other:** The Early Learning Coalition had been approved by the City Commission and they would
28 start by early December.

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30 Mr. Moore also explained that he was getting ready to have new parks signage and rules re-done by
31 the City's sign shop. These signs would be placed where they were needed in our City parks with
32 the emphasis to make them more user friendly and customer oriented with positive words.

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34 He also explained that Parks & Recreation was hosting Halloween Spooktacular again this year and
35 said it will be run in the same manner as in previous years.

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37 Mr. Moore said he is starting some new initiative and he is hoping to have a guest speaker at the
38 November meeting to come and address them on ECHO Tourism. He said this is a way to generate
39 economic development.

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41 **Thornby Loop:** Mr. Moore also told them that a budget request had been made to have a match for
42 a grant for the Thornby Loop. He said it was approved and the Florida Department of Transportation
43 has included it in their work plan for work to start in 2015.

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45 **8. DIRECTOR COMMENTS:**

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47 Mr. Moore said he was meeting with Bethune Cookman's Athletic Director as they had expressed an

interest in inter-collegiate soccer program for men and women and they have also started a center here in Deltona. He said Bethune had also bought another piece of property and maybe the City could develop a partnership with them.

9. MEMBERS COMMENTS:

- a. Mrs. Gardner asked about Audubon Park. Mr. Moore said he will have Mr. Jerry Mayes come and speak to them about some improvements at that park. She thinks the Wes Crile walking trail is “spooky” where it runs parallel to the street and curves in back. She wanted to see if the bushes could be trimmed lower. She feels uncomfortable as she is usually the only one walking. Mr. Moore explained that in order to have the trail we had to maintain a buffer with a certain height, according to code, but he would take a look at trimming back the inside bushes, not the outside. Mr. Moore asked Mrs. Gardner to meet him there so she could show him exactly what section she was concerned about.
- b. Mrs. Ludvick said she was pleased to hear that all these things were being done. She said so many people in Deltona have no idea about the things being done. Mr. Moore said not many people show up to workshops when items are being discussed. Mrs. Ludvick said Deltona has a lot to be proud of, especially with the soccer teams coming in.
- c. Mr. Johnson asked if the stadium was approved for building, what the time frame would be. Mr. Moore responded that with permitting issues, gopher tortoises to be moved, possible storm water issues, it could take some time.

There were no further comments.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next meeting date is scheduled for Tuesday, November 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers Kitchen as Monday, November 11th is a City holiday.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Lonnie Wilson, seconded by Julio DeLeon to adjourn. Motion carried with members voting as follows: Bernice Ludvick, For; Julio DeLeon, For; Kay Gardner, For; Nathan Johnson, For; and Lonnie Wilson, For.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Bernice Ludvick, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Steve Moore, Director